



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., June 26, 2002

1255 Imperial Avenue

Conference Room 436 – 4th Floor

San Diego, CA 92101

Members Present:

Bob Barrios
Michael Chee
Bob Crouch
Daniel Elkerton
Richard Gersberg
David Gomez
Ed Heidig
Ruth Heifetz
Anthony Manoguerra
Ed Moore
Bruce Morden
Bob Shuster
Jerry Spahn
Alan Thum
Malcolm Vinje
Carolyn Powers (via telephone conference call)

Members Absent:

Richard Leap (excused)

Others Present:

Julie Ellery - Public
Richard Haas - DEH
Jon VanRhyn, DEH
Sylvia Mosse, DEH
Jack Miller, DEH
Corina Santana-Allee, DEH
Susan Salazar, DEH

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Health Advisory Board (EHAB) was called to order by the Chairman Bob Shuster at 8:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to correct the April 24, 2002, minutes to reflect that Chairman, Bob Shuster called the meeting to order. Motion approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

IV. DIRECTOR'S UPDATED/ACTIONS

A. General Remarks

Rich Haas briefly discussed the recent training DEH provided for the department supervisors and Division Chiefs in Performance Management Principles given by Dr. Shelley H. Metzenbaum, Director, Environmental Compliance Consortium at Harvard University. Each Division Chief has developed performance measures for their division in the area of environmental and public health improvement as a result of this training. Dr. Metzenbaum will be returning in July for a second training session with DEH staff to continue to assist refining each division's performance measures. Information distributed to EHAB members.

B. DEH Recruitment - Vacancy Report

Richard Haas reported there are 17 vacancies. DEH is continuing its on-going recruitment efforts. This past Monday 6/24/02, Marilyn Corodemas, Chief, CHD, announced her retirement, which will be effective 7/3/02. Ms. Corodemas' expertise will be a great loss to the department.

C. Budget

DEH's excess funds for this year will be used to further develop the KIVA automation program. DEH will be going before the Board of Supervisors October 2, 2002, regarding the Fee Adjustments Board Letter. Currently, DEH is in the process of working with each division's stakeholders reviewing the department's fees. DEH will be drafting a multi-fee year fee structure.

D. Stormwater/Project Clean Water Update

Jon Van Rhyn, DEH's newly appointed Water Quality Program Manager, LWQD presented an update on recent activities of the DEH's Water Quality Program. Through Project Clean Water, the County established a Regional 303(d) Workgroup, which has recently been very active in preparing and presenting

comments to the State Water Resources Control Board. Several members of the group presented testimony to the SWRCB at a May 30, 2002, public hearing in Ontario. Final recommendations on proposed section 303(d) listings should be forwarded to the USEPA in the fall 2002.

The County also presented testimony on the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Rainbow Creek at the May 8, 2002, Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting. Based on comments received, the RWQCB directed staff to wait out the completion of the proposed 303(d) listing of nitrates before moving forward with TMDL for the Creek. They were also directed to work closely with County to Continue addressing areas of disagreement.

The RWQCB has completed its review of the County's Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP). Staff have not yet had time to review these comments, and will report further to the EHAB at a later date.

The First Annual Clean Water Summit was held on Friday, June 21, 2002. The event was an overwhelming success and was attended by more than 200 people. Media coverage was quite favorable. Copies of the Clean Water Strategic Plan were handed out to EHAB members.

V. NEW BUSINESS/ACTIONS

A. Land & Water Quality Division (LWQD) Update

Rich Haas informed the Board members, Jack Miller, Chief, LWQD, was selected by the California Environmental Health Association as California EHS of the year. This is the fourth year a DEH staff member has been selected for this honor.

Jack Miller, Chief, LWQD, discussed the following issues that LWQD staff are working on: Discussed were the water well issues. The water well re-developed in the Lake Morena area and the problems that have occurred impacting the residents of the area. LWQD's concerns regarding low rainfall and the possibility of some wells in the San Diego County area running dry; the Site Mitigation program and the alternative systems for on-site waste disposal; a new issue, which local involvement will be in 2004.

B. Water Quality – Questions & Answers

Dr. Thum, EHAB member, reviewed the new reports regarding water quality and the problems they address and how they overlap. Reports briefly discussed were the following: the Regional 303 (d); the new Science Advisory report put out by EPA; the California's new Beach Restoration Study; and the new report from the Pugh Foundation regarding coastal sprawl the effects of urban design.

Bob Shuster, Chairman, EHAB discussed the recent meeting held in Escondido with the Agriculture residents of Escondido. The Farm Bureau helped sponsor the meeting; staff from the Department of Environmental Health, County Agriculture Department and the Regional Water Quality Board attended the meeting. The topic was the Stormwater runoff.

Bob Shuster suggested planning a tour for the EHAB members of the new reservoir located in Olivenhain community. The Board members agreed to postpone the tour. It will be discussed at the September 12th meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, September 12, 2002, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 436 – 4th Floor, James R. Mills Building
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